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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO, AWACS

SUBJECT: NATO AWACS: TIMETABLE FOR DECISION

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING  
TIMETABLE FOR NATO AWACS:

- OCT 27/28: NATIONAL EXPERTS MEET IN BRUSSELS TO  
ENDORSE A MIXED FORCE OF 18 US-NATO STANDARD MODEL AWACS;  
BEGIN FINAL DISCUSSIONS OF COST-SHARING AND PAYMENTS  
PHASING; IF POSSIBLE, RESOLVE OR AGREE TO REFER TO PERMREPS  
ISSUE LOCATING NATO AWACS MOB IN FRG.  
(WE TRUST FRG-DUTCH DISCUSSIONS ON THIS, WHICH  
GERMANS HAVE TOLD US ARE UNDERWAY, WILL HAVE BEEN  
SUCCESSFUL IN RESOLVING THE MATTER BEFORE NATIONAL EXPERTS  
CONVENE. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE NATIONAL  
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EXPERTS ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN ANY EVENT.)

- NOV: IF NATIONAL EXPERTS CANNOT RESOLVE MOB QUESTION,  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MUST EITHER DECIDE THE ISSUE, OR  
DETERMINE THAT IT MUST BE REFERRED TO MINISTERS FOR  
DECISION.

- 6/7 DEC: MINISTERS AGREE TO TAKE PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY  
SYG LUNS FOR A NATO AWACS FORCE OF 18 STANDARD MODEL

AIRCRAFT HOME TO GOVERNMENTS/LEGISLATURES FOR APPROVAL.  
(IF SOME SIGNIFICANT ISSUES REMAIN, MINISTERS MAY EITHER  
RESOLVE THEM OR DIRECT NATIONAL EXPERTS TO CONVENE UNTIL  
THEY ARE RESOLVED.) MINISTERS SHOULD SIGN A STATEMENT  
OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH WOULD ENABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
NEW COMPUTER ESSENTIAL FOR STANDARD CONFIGURATION (ABOUT  
DOLLAR 10 MILLION NEEDED FROM 1 JANUARY TO 1 JULY 1978  
FOR THIS PURPOSE.) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE  
REMAINING FUNDS FROM EXISTING SOU WILL BE ADEQUATE FOR  
FIRST 2/3 MONTHS OF DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. NOTE: THIS IS  
A CRITICAL REQUIREMENT - MINISTERS MUST REPEAT MUST  
AGREE TO THIS RELATIVELY MODEST FUNDING IF COMMON  
COMPUTER PROGRAM IS TO BE ACHIEVED.

- FEBRUARY/MARCH: MULTILATERAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND-  
ING IS DRAFTED BY HIGH LEVEL GROUP AND REFERRED TO  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPROVAL AND SUBSEQUENT  
SUBMISSION TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

-MARCH: PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT DRAFTED BY HIGH LEVEL  
GROUP.

- MARCH: PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES SIGN THE MULTILATERAL  
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. THIS IS THE DOCUMENT TO  
WHICH NATIONAL LEGISLATURES WOULD GIVE FORMAL APPROVAL.  
(FRG MAY BE UNWILLING TO SIGN MOU UNTIL TEXT OF PROCURE-  
MENT DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON.)

- MAY: DPC RECEIVES REPORTS FROM MINISTERS OF LEGIS-  
LATIVE/GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL: DIRECTS CREATION OF  
NATMA AS DULY AUTHORIZED NATO AGENCY TO ADMINISTER  
NATO AWACS PROGRAM.

- JUNE: NAPO TURNS OVER PROGRAM DIRECTION TO NATMA.

- O/A 1 JULY: NATMA SIGNS PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT.  
PROGRAM BEGINS.

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